

ITEM NO. 14

September 17, 2004

**ERRATA SHEET**

**CHANGES TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY MUNICIPAL STORM WATER  
PERMITTEES' WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN (WQMP)**

The Errata Sheet is not available at this time. It will be available at the Board Meeting.

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region

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**SUBJECT:** Riverside County Municipal Storm Water Permittees' Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)

**DISCUSSION:**

On October 25, 2002, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) adopted Order No. R8-2002-0011, NPDES No. CAS 618033, Areawide Urban Storm Water Runoff Permit for Riverside County and the incorporated cities (MS4 Permit). The MS4 Permit regulates the discharge of storm water from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) to waters of the U. S. This Regional Board and other Southern California Regional Boards have adopted a number of similar MS4 permits. Section VIII.B of the MS4 Permit requires the permittees to develop and implement structural Best Management Practices (BMPs), sized according to the sizing criteria specified in the Permit, or other equivalent control measures to reduce/eliminate the discharge of pollutants from new developments and significant re-developments. The MS4 Permit included requirements consistent with the State Board decision, discussed below, and recognized the progress made by the Riverside County MS4 permittees, including the need for a WQMP and the ability to make use of regional treatment BMPs.

The 1996 MS4 Permit for Los Angeles County, adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Board, required the County to submit Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plans (SUSMPs). The SUSMPs are plans that designate BMPs that must be used in specified categories of development projects. The County submitted SUSMPs, but the Regional Board approved the SUSMPs only after making revisions. The Executive Officer issued the revised SUSMPs on March 8, 2000 and upon appeal, the action was upheld in a precedential decision by the State Board in Order WQ-2000-11, on October 5, 2000. With that precedential decision, the State Board required that the SUSMP requirement, or its equivalent, be included in all future Phase I MS4 permits.

During the second permit term for the Riverside County MS4 Permit (1996-01), the permittees developed model Guidelines for New Development and Redevelopment Projects (DAMP Supplement A). These Guidelines included structural and non-structural BMPs.

The MS4 Permit required that the permittees review their existing BMPs for new developments and submit for the Executive Officer's approval by January 1, 2005 a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) to address urban runoff from new and significant redevelopment projects.

On June 25, 2004, the permittees submitted a WQMP for approval by the Executive Officer. The permittees sought public input in a number of ways during the preparation of the WQMP. Prior to submittal of this WQMP to the Regional Board office, the Principal Permittee published a notice on April 6, 2004 in the local newspapers regarding its intent to prepare the WQMP. A second notice was published on April 30, 2004 that notified the public of the availability of a preliminary draft. The draft WQMP was made available on the Principal Permittee's website. Subsequently, the Principal Permittee conducted a public workshop on May 18, 2004, to discuss the draft WQMP and to seek comments from the public. The preliminary draft was revised in response to comments received by the June 1 comment deadline specified in the Permittee public notice. The June 25<sup>th</sup> submittal included these revisions and responses to comments. Two comment letters, one from Defend the Bay and one from the San Diego Regional Board, were received by the permittees after the comment deadline.

On July 6, 2004 staff notified interested parties by electronic mail of the availability of the June 25 draft WQMP and provided a link to the WQMP and other related documents. On August 17 and 31, 2004, staff met with the Principal Permittee and provided verbal comments. The WQMP was revised based on comments from Defend the Bay and San Diego and Santa Ana Regional Board staff. A revised (September 1, 2004) copy of the WQMP was provided to the interested parties that provided comments to the June 25<sup>th</sup> WQMP draft. These documents and the response to comments are posted at:

[www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb8/html/riverside\\_permit.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb8/html/riverside_permit.html).

The MS4 Permit states that, by January 1, 2005, the Executive Officer must approve the WQMP or those sized, structural treatment BMPs specified in Provision VIII.B.5 will be required for all new development and significant redevelopment projects. The process that must be followed for the approval of submittals under the MS4 Permit is identified in Section XV.A.1: "Reports submitted by the permittees as per the requirements in this Order for the approval of the Executive Officer shall be publicly noticed and made available on the Regional Board's website, or through other means, for public review and comments. The Executive Officer shall consider all comments received prior to approval of the reports. Any unresolved significant issues shall be scheduled for a public hearing at a Regional Board meeting prior to approval by the Executive Officer."

The Principal Permittee, in collaboration with other co-permittees, has addressed the concerns expressed by interested parties and responded to comments it received.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Water Quality Management Plan by adopting Resolution No. R8-2004-0080.

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region

RESOLUTION NO. R8-2004-0080

Approval of Riverside County Water Quality Management Plan

Prepared per ORDER NO. R8-2002-0011  
NPDES NO. CAS 618033

Whereas, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (hereinafter Board), finds that:

1. On October 25, 2002, the Board adopted Order No. R8-2002-0011 renewing the Areawide Urban Storm Water Runoff Permit (Permit) for Riverside County and the incorporated cities of Riverside County within the Santa Ana Region.
2. Section VIII.B. of the Permit requires the permittees to develop a Water Quality Management Plan (the "WQMP") identifying BMPs, including design standards for source control and structural BMPs, that are to be applied when considering any map or permit for which discretionary approval is sought.
3. The permittees submitted a WQMP on June 25, 2004 for the Executive Officer/Board approval. Revisions to the WQMP were submitted on September 1, 2004.
4. The Board has conducted a public hearing and considered all comments received on the WQMP.
5. The WQMP, when fully implemented, will control the discharge of pollutants in post-construction runoff and meets the criteria specified in the Permit.
6. This is an action taken by the Board in accordance with NPDES Permit No. CAS 618033 and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Section 13389 of the California Water Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Riverside County Water Quality Management Plan is hereby approved.

2. The Water Quality Management Plan will become effective on January 1, 2005 for all new developments and significant redevelopments for which parcel maps, tract maps or other project approvals have not been obtained by January 1, 2005.

I, Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, on September 17, 2004.

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Gerard J. Thibeault  
Executive Officer